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In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 1814
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Robert M. Hudziak et al.)	Examiner: R. Baker
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Serial No.)	
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Filed: 13 December 1994)	
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For: HER2 EXTRACELLULAR DOMAIN)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of this application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the sentence beginning "This is a continuation of co-pending..." in its entirety and insert before the subheading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" the following:

--CROSS REFERENCES

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/048,346 filed 15 April 1993, which application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 07/354,319 filed 19 May 1989 (abandoned), which applications are incorporated herein by reference and to which applications priority is claimed under 35 USC §120.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 9-21 and 24 without prejudice.

26. (Twice amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising [a] secreted HER2 extracellular domain [having an immune epitope essentially free of transmembrane and intracellular portions of the